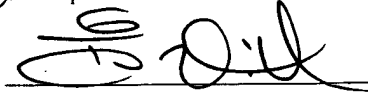




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The following is in response to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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